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**To:** DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction  
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**Subject:** Hazardous Waste Procedures

Requirements for hazardous waste or potentially hazardous waste discovered during construction are set forth in Section 7-106 of the *Construction Manual*. To ensure safety and legal requirements are met under such circumstances, resident engineers must follow the step-by-step procedures described in this section and shown in Table 7-1.1, "Unknown Hazards Procedures."

In the event that previously unknown hazardous waste or underground tanks are discovered during construction, follow the procedures in the *Construction Manual*. Emergency on call hazardous waste contracts are to be used to assess and remediate hazardous waste finds. Section 25914 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits having the construction contractor or his subcontractors undertake hazardous waste work not identified in the contract. The only exceptions to this are:

1. Specific items of hazardous waste or asbestos abatement work to be performed as a part of the contract;
2. Contractor cleanup of accidental spills of hazardous materials caused by his own forces; and
3. Contractor cleanup due to his own actions that created hazardous material situations (i.e., improper/illegal disposal, etc.).

If there is an imminent threat to life, health, or the environment, maintenance forces may be called in for assistance. However, the resident engineer should take over responsibility for managing the situation as soon as it is safely possible to do so.

If you have any questions, please call Roger Cook at CALNET 8-464-2735 or (916) 654-2735.